



WELCOME!

US 281 Hidalgo & Brooks Counties SH 186/FM 1017 to FM 3066 Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Lasater Elementary Cafeteria

Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Presentation and Comment Period: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Brewster School Cafeteria

Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Presentation and Comment Period: 6:00 p.m.

Why Am I Here?

- Learn about the proposed project
- Provide comments on the proposed project



Project Purpose and Need

What problems are we trying to address?

- Existing facility lacks capacity needed for future growth
- Existing facility lacks controlled access
- Reduce risk for accidents

What are we trying to do?

- Add capacity
- Improve mobility
- Improve safety

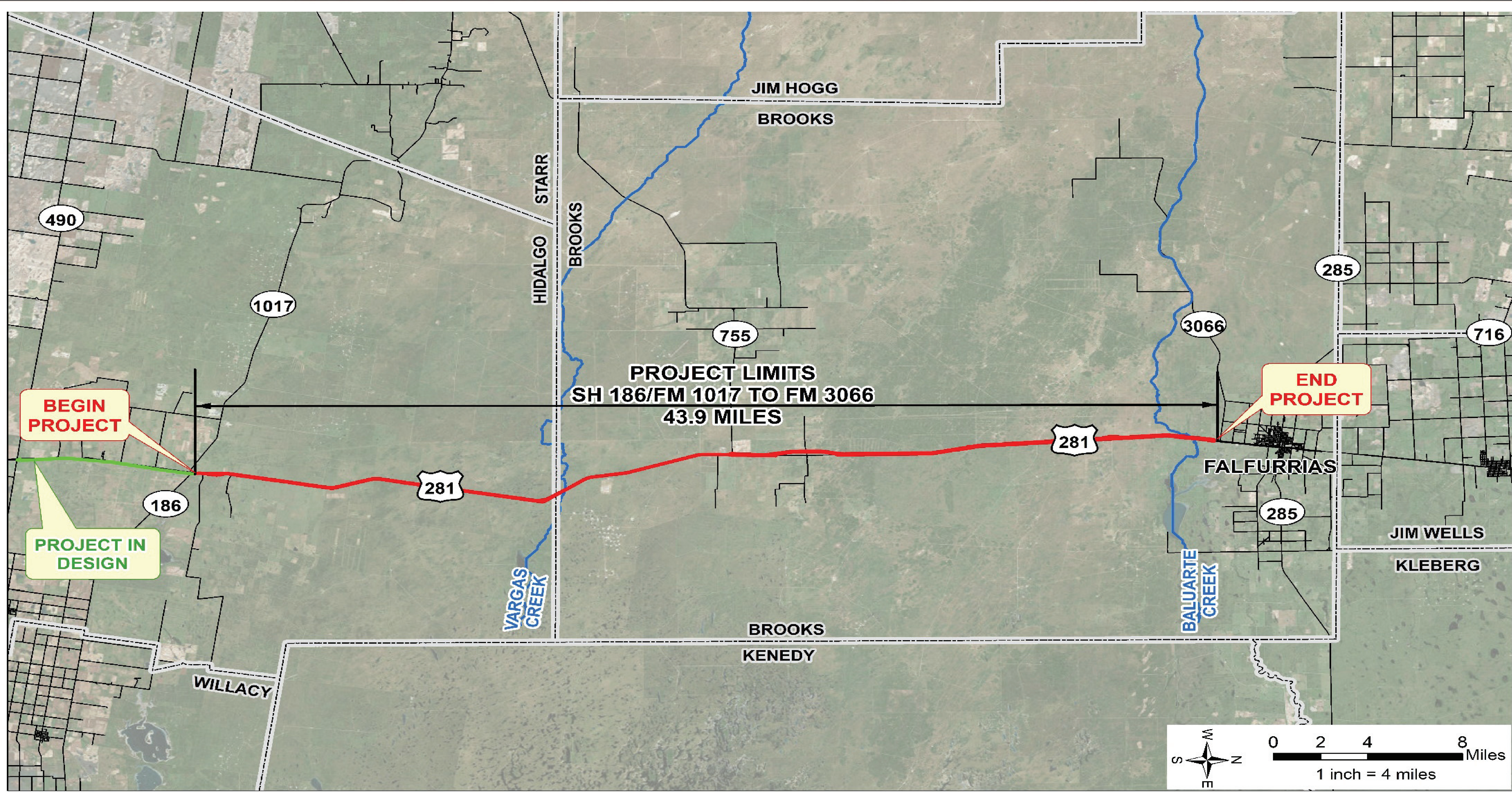


Proposed Project Scope

- Upgrade existing US 281 to interstate standards as part of future I-69C
- Provide improved roadway alignment (i.e. straightening out curves), control of access, and frontage roads
- Construct 11 Overpasses
- Other unique features include
 - Border Patrol Checkpoint
 - Rest Area
 - Weigh Station
 - 4 Wildlife Crossings



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Preliminary Project Schedule*

US 281: SH 186/FM 1017 to FM 3066 – Ongoing Public Involvement

**Finalize
Schematic**

Fall
2019

**Environmental
Clearance**

Spring
2020

**R.O.W.
Acquisition
& Utility
Adjustments**
Spring 2021

**Finalize
Design**

Summer 2022

Letting

Spring 2023

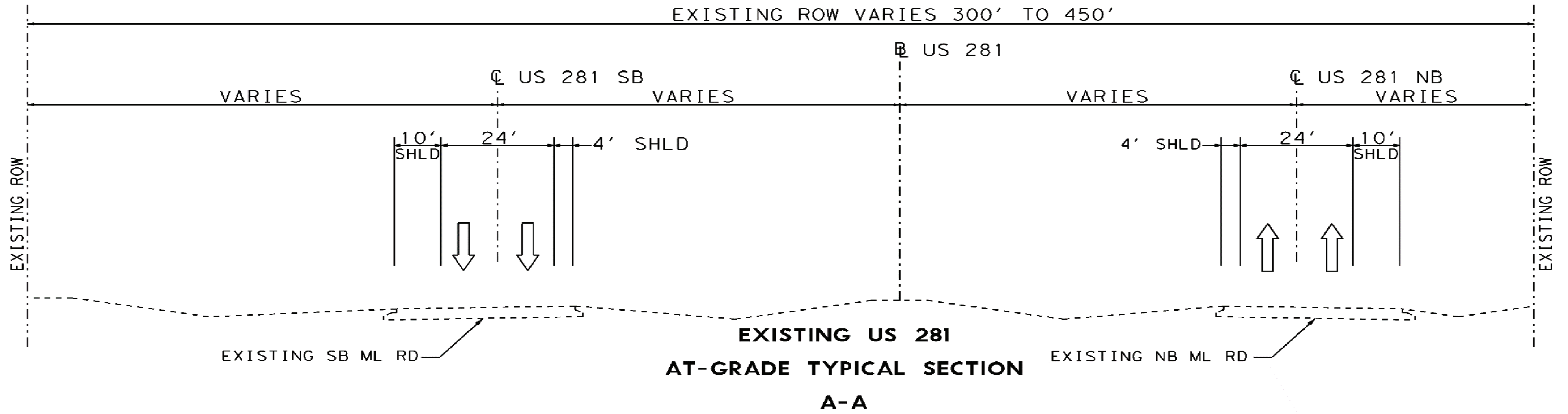
**Begin
Construction**

Summer
2023

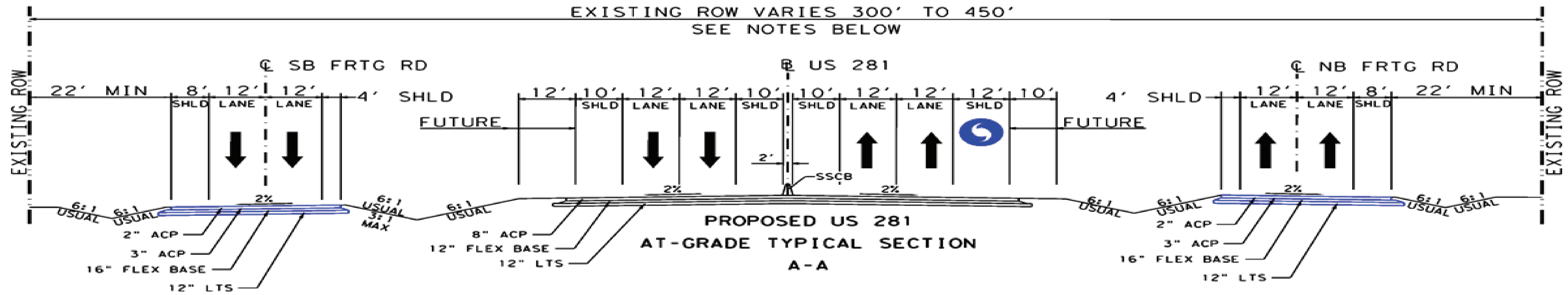
- This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change. Construction reflects initial phase only. Corridor to be completed in phases.**

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Existing Typical Section

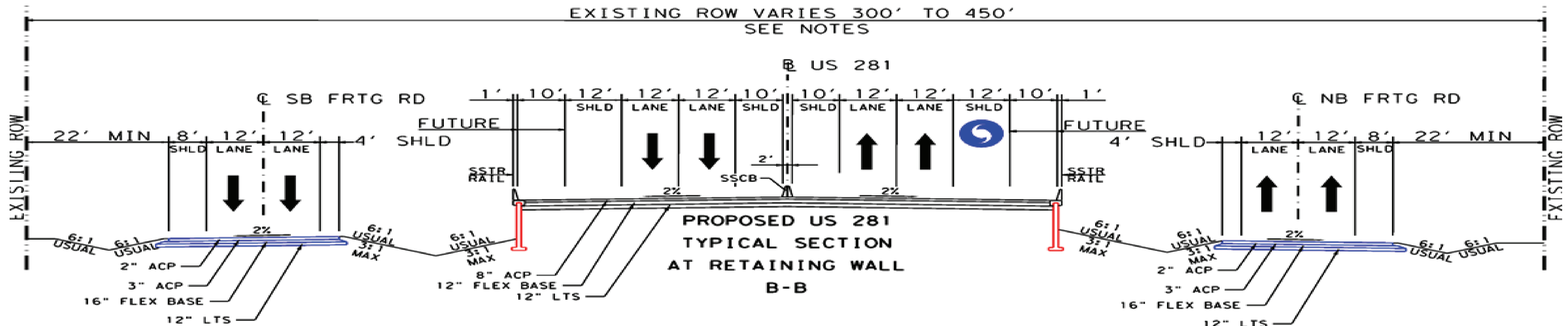


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How Can I Make Comments?

- Mail or drop off written comments to:
TxDOT Pharr District
Attn: US 281
600 W. Interstate 2
Pharr, TX 78577
- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Fax comments to **(956) 702-6110**
- Email comments to
Robin.Gelston@txdot.gov
- Visit **www.txdot.gov** and search “US 281 Hidalgo County and Brooks County” to view information and provide comments
- Comments must be received or postmarked by
Friday, November 9, 2018



Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public meeting and commenting period
- Finalize project design details with community input
- Environmental Clearance anticipated Spring 2020